Hill Probe Immunity Sought

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The House authorized its Assassinations Committee yesterday to immunize possibly 150 witnesses against prosecution in investigating the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy and the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

Chairman Louis Stokes (D-Ohio) told the House his committee may need immunity for more than 100 witnesses in the Kennedy investigation alone.

Stokes said the only way the committee can obtain testimony from orgaized crime figures and soldiers of fortune is to provide court immunity against their testimony being used to prosecute them.

The House approved 290 to 112 the committee's request for authority to ask the courts for immunity powers.

Stokes' reference to soldiers of fortune appeared to confirm a report that an appearance by soldier-of-fortune Loran Hall was postponed this month so that he could be given immunity.

Hall has said in at easlt four published interviews—in which details varied—that before the Kennedy assassination Nov. 22, 1963, Dallas businessmen offered him $50,000 to kill the President.

The committee chairman refused to make any comment about Hall.

He also told reporters he cannot reveal how more than 100 people, including gangsters and soldiers of fortune, might still need immunity for their stories about the 14-year-old assassination.

"We just cannot answer that question at this time," Stokes said. ". . . We know what we're doing."